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1. The GOFG Hospital -- [redacted] was located in Bielitz-Heilstaette /5033N-1729E/ about four kilometers northwest of Bielitz. 25X1 Bielitz-Heilstaette had originally been a German medical center with several hospitals and sanatoriums, primarily for TB patients. Immediately after World War II and the Soviet occupation, a part of this center was requisitioned for the Soviet Army. Gradually Soviet medical installations in Bielitz-Heilstaette were expanded, until in 1952 all of the existing German medical facilities except a German civilian hospital located on the road from Bielitz-Heilstaette to Bielitz (southeast of Bielitz-Heilstaette) had been absorbed by the Soviet Army.
2. In Bielitz-Heilstaette there were the following Soviet Army medical installations under the direct administration of the GOFG Medical Department: Group Hospital (Gruppovoy Gosptal), Group Polyclinic (Gruppovaya Poliklinika), Group Blood Bank (Gruppovaya Stantsiya Perelivaniya Krovi), Group Dental Clinic (Gruppovaya Stomatologicheskaya Klinika), Group Medical Board (Gruppovaya Voenno-Vrachebnaya Kommissiya), and Group Medical Instructors' School (Gruppovaya Shkola Sanitarnykh Instruktirov). All of these installations except the Medical Instructors' School were under the administration of Col. (fnu) Zakharenko, MC, Commanding Officer of the Group Hospital, who was considered Post Commander. 25X1
3. The Group Hospital area was large, approximately 1000 x 500 m. There were several large buildings housing hospital wards, administrative offices, and laboratories. [redacted]

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4. The Group Hospital in Bielitz-Heilstaette was the largest Soviet hospital in Germany. It had many wards and the best medical experts. It serviced the entire Soviet occupation forces in Germany, especially patients requiring specialized treatment unobtainable in army hospitals. The over-all capacity of the hospital was 750 to 1000 patients. Most of the beds were of the double or triple decker type, so that if the need arose, the hospital's capacity could easily be doubled. The hospital had the following capacities by ward: surgical (septic and anti-septic), 100 patients; therapeutic (several sections) 200 patients; ENT, 50 patients; gynecology and delivery, 100 patients; infectious diseases, 150 patients; skin and VD, 100 patients; eye disease, 40 patients; children's diseases, 20 patients. There was also a physical therapy section, pharmacy, autopsy section, and medical laboratory. The busiest seasons in the hospital, especially in the skin and therapeutic wards, were in the fall and winter, when these wards were sometimes filled to capacity.
5. The administrative organization of the Group Hospital was as follows:
 - a. Office of the Commanding Officer
 - b. Personnel Section (Stroyevaya Chast) which handled all documents of hospital personnel, their promotions, disciplinary measures, leaves, and transfers. This section was also responsible for the safekeeping of classified documents and the publishing of a daily bulletin and other directives.
 - c. Documentation section, which handled the documents of patients, reception and release of patients, and the correspondence of patients.
 - d. Administrative Section, which supplied the hospital with food, furniture, and hospital equipment. It also handled fire prevention services, transport, administration and maintenance of buildings, service personnel, and kitchen.
 - e. Political Section which was responsible for the political indoctrination of both hospital personnel and patients. It was composed of:
 - (1) Library
 - (2) Club and Movie House
 - (3) Radio Room
 - (4) Party Office
 - (5) Komsomol Office
6. The T/O of GOFG Hospital in Bielitz-Heilstaette was approximately 500 persons. Out of this number 300 were Soviet females, nurses, kitchen personnel, and cleaning women. Until 1951 there were several German nurses who were eventually replaced by Soviet nurses. The only German personnel in the hospital were the cleaning women.
7. All of the hospital's medical equipment was of German manufacture. [redacted] the Summer of 1952 there was great excitement in the hospital because of some damage to a part of the large X-Ray apparatus. It was established that it had been manufactured somewhere in the Western Zones of Germany and that no spare parts were available in the Soviet Zone. To a large extent, the medicaments and pharmaceutical products (penicillin, sulfa-drugs, streptomycin and many others) were of German manufacture, as were also the dressings and antiseptic cotton.

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8. All hospital wards had separate rooms for officers and civilian employees, and separate rooms for enlisted personnel. Civilian employees of GOFG, while in the hospital, were charged certain subsistence fees.  Food rations were the same for officers and enlisted men; however, there were separate dining rooms for field-grade officers, company-grade officers and civilian employees, and enlisted men.
9. The hospital motor pool consisted of approximately 10-15 ZIS trucks, six ambulances, and several sedans.

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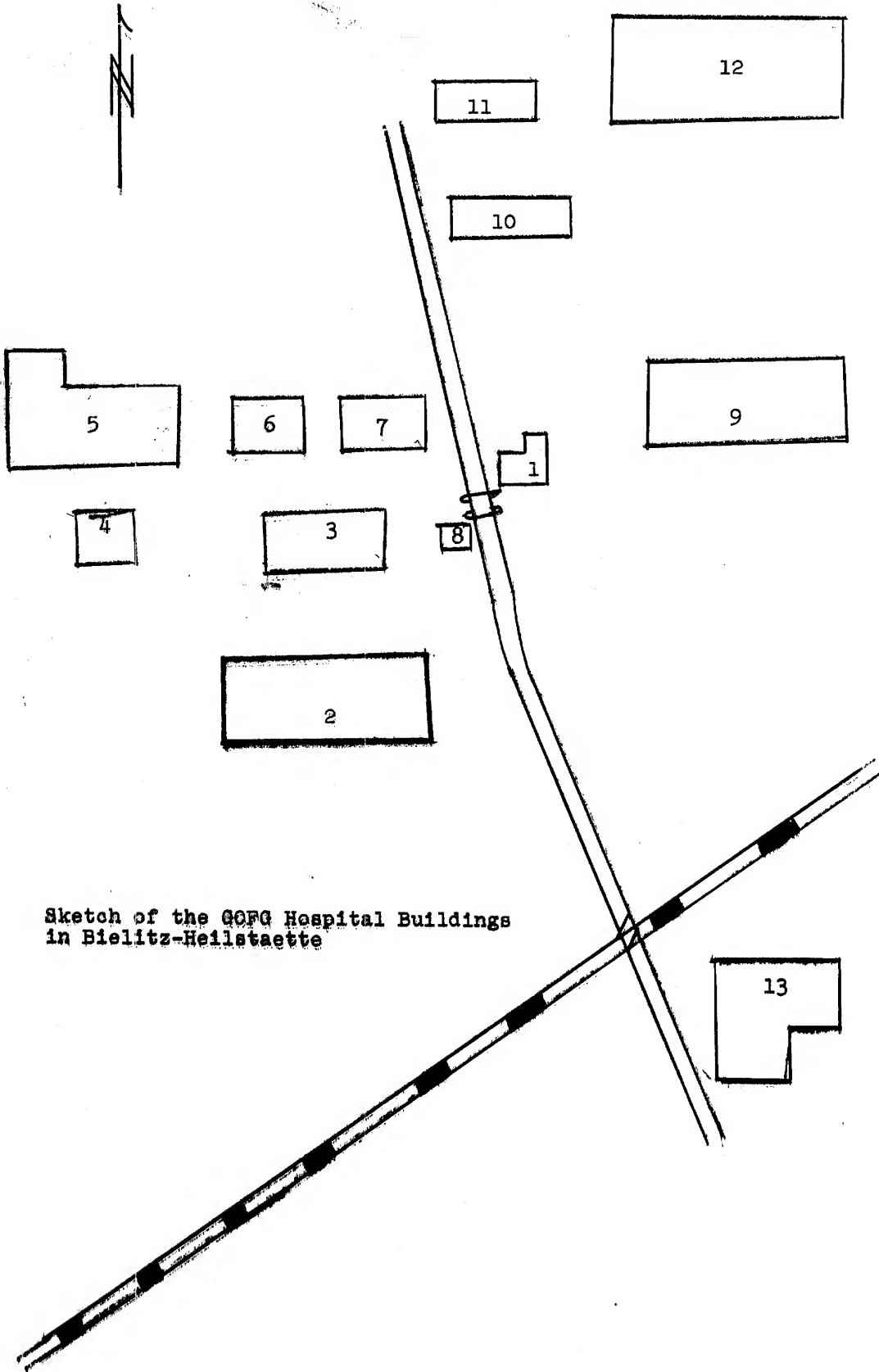
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Sketch of the GOFG Hospital Buildings
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Legend

1. Check point and patients' barber-shop
2. Reception and surgical ward
3. Administration building and officers' and civilian employees' quarters
4. ENT and eye ward
5. Infectious diseases and VD ward
6. Apartment house for medical personnel
7. Mess hall and kitchen
8. Check point
9. Gynecological ward, club, movie-house, and library
10. Hospital warehouse
11. Hospital warehouse
12. Internal diseases ward
13. Hospital shopping center

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